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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 8 August 2005, time for response to which was set to expire 8 November 2005. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 8 January 2006 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. All pending claims, claims 75-82 and 84-91, were rejected over the art. There are no formal rejections. The rejections have been carefully considered and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Only claim 84 has been amended for clarification. The remaining claims are as previously presented. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.